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MEETING OF CITY FATHERS

Must Procure $60,000 For General Expenses up to June 1

RUSSELL SUSTAINED

Road in Annexed District to be Called by His Name Instead of That of George Mason.

Advocates of Frederick P. Russell, an attorney of this city and George Mason, author of the bill of rights, locked horns in the city council last night for honors, in having a road in Rosemont named after them and Russell came out victorious by a vote of 6 to 4, in the common council and 5 to 1 in the aldermen, after the matter had been thoroughly thrashed out and henceforth the road will be called "Russell road," as it has been known for several years past.

The action of the city council last night, therefore, gives the official stamp of approval to the name. The cause of George Mason was espoused by Councilman H. R. Burke.

The road in question is being improved and will be one of the three modern boulevards between here and Washington. For many years it has been known as Russell road, Mr. Russell having given the right of way for its building through his property. Recently in a part of the recently annexed territory someone had placed signs on the road reading "Mount Vernon avenue," Mr. Russell objected and then petitioned council to have it called Russell road, as it previously was. The street committee recommended that it be called Russell road.

Councilman H. R. Burke, thought such roads are named for people who are dead. He added that he believed Mr. Russell gave ten feet of the right of way and that if it was named after all whose property it passed through it would have many names. He suggested the name of George Mason, author of the bill of rights. The only thing in this section to commemorate Mason's memory is a statue in Richmond, he said. He suggested that Mason avenue would be much more appropriate than naming it after such a young man, and in conclusion said he hesitated to object to Mr. Russell's request.

Councilman Bales said he was sorry he could not agree with Mr. Burke. He objected to having it called by two names, as he thought the county people would probably continue to call the road Russell, while the city would call it Mason road.

Councilman Pohl, objected to it being called an avenue and expressed hope that it would continue to be called Russell road.

Councilman Bryan objected in it being called a road and favored the word avenue for a city.

The motion of Councilman Burke to call it Mason avenue was then carried.

When the matter came to the board of aldermen that body asked for a conference committee, having nonconcurred in the action of common council in changing the name, and President Smith appointed Councilmen H. R. Burke, and Bales, and from the aldermen, Aldermen Brill, and Fitzgerald, were named. After a lengthy conference they agreed to recommend that the road be called Russell instead of Mason.

Councilman Bryan again voiced his objection to the word road, thinkin avenue should be substituted.

A vote was then taken on the report of the committee and those favoring adopting it were Messrs. Marbury, H. R. Burke, Bales, Pohl, Harrison and Smith, and those against it were Messrs. Bryan, C. S. T. Burke, Desmond and Wattles.

A petition of C. H. Callahan, commissioner of revenue, for increase of compensation for levies in annexed territory, was granted, the finance committee recommending that $300 annually to be paid quarterly be allowed.

Councilman Bryan explained that Mr. Callahan asked for a flat salary of $1,800 and that the finance committee thought the legislature might change the law and therefore made the foregoing allowance. He explained that Mr. Callahan now gets $600 from the city and the state pays extra.

A resolution appropriating $10,000 for payment of remainder of cost of construction of new high school, making a total of $45,000 was referred to the finance committee.

Petition of Parent-Teachers' Association and other organizations for an appropriation of $300 for furnishing auditorium of new high school building was referred to committee on finance and schools.

The fire committee asked that it be empowered to employ a driver and mechanic for new combination engine which is expected soon, the salary to be $840 a year, was referred to the committee on fire and finance.

An ordinance fixing the salary of the chief of the fire department at $200 a year and that the automobile to be secured for his use be placed in care of fire committee and its cost of maintenance come out of appropriation for fire department was adopted.

The sum of $125 was appropriated for two fire plugs in recently annexed territory.

Resolution that Assessors Monroe, Lunt and Lennon be paid $1,320 for recent assessment or $440 each was adopted. Councilman Bryan said he understood that the state pays an equal amount.

Resolution appropriating $22,795.51 for the use of the city school board from June 1915 to May 31, 1916, was adopted.

Councilman Bryan said the finance committee and school board had a consultation and that the foregoing is the exact amount which will be needed from the city by the board for the term.

A resolution that the city make a temporary loan of $60,000 from June 1915 to May 31, 1916, was adopted.

According to report of J. B. Waller, clerk of gas, gas sold to consumers for six months ending November 1, was $20,850.70, and of this amount $20,414.10, was collected.

Councilman Bryan presented a communication from Capt. W. M. King, of the Alexandria Light Infantry, in which the Alexandria Light Infantry, asked that the city assume its obligations and place a new roof on the armory, they agreeing to vest title to property in city, if this is done, provided they be given use of armory hall for military purposes. Debts listed totaled $898.20 and the trust on the property, $2,500. This was referred to the committee on finance and public property.

Resolution of Councilman Smith that the finance committee report to council the reason for discontinuing publishing the auditor's annual report was referred to that committee. Mr. Smith said this report was the only guide to the financial condition of the city.

Ordinance granting Fletcher-Demaine Co., permission to erect gasoline tank in front of its service station on Alfred street between King and Prince streets, was referred to street committee.

Resolution appropriating $3,300 to construct pipe sewer from Hooff's run, Duke street, out Duke street to diagonal road and Duke street bridge was referred to committee on streets and finance.

Councilman Bryan cautioned going slow on this matter, explaining that even should $47,000 be set aside for improvements in this territory and if it exceeds twelve per cent of the assessed valuation it will have to be spent.

Resolution appropriating $500 for general repairs to streets was referred to committee on streets and finance.

Ordinance to establish curb grade on Russell road to corporation line was referred.

A bill for $24.34 from J. C. Gates, plumber, was referred to finance and public property committee.

Councilman C. S. T. Burke, said the bill had been sent to public property committee several times and the committee could not reach a report and he advised Mr. Gates to present it to council.

A resolution that the street committee and city engineer examine into the condition of sewer at Payton and Duke streets and report what is necessary to improve conditions.

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HIGH-WATER MARK REACHED IN SHIPS

Super-Dreadnaughts of California Type Nearly Reach Ideal

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Daniel's Reply to Congress is Based on Information Gained From European Conflict

Washington, Dec. 15—Super-Dreadnoughts of the California class, displacing 32,000 tons, are declared to represent the high water mark in the size of American battleships, in a statement presented to Congress by Secretary Daniels.

"It would be unwise," the statement says, "to build Dreadnoughts so large that they could not easily pass through the Panama Canal. It is also believed that, in view of the increased efficiency of the tropedo, the very extensive use of mines and the bombs from aircraft, it is decidedly better to increase the fighting units in numbers rather than in size, the high-water mark in size having been reached in vessels of the California class."

The statement was submitted to Congress in response to a requirement of the last naval appropriation bill that Congress be furnished with a report of "building four warships of the type, power and speed which, in his (the secretary's) judgment based on knowledge gained from the prevailing war in Europe, are best suited for war on the sea."

In his reply, Mr. Daniels apparently brings to a close the debate which has been agitating the Navy Department for many weeks as to the general characteristics of the first battleships to be recommended under the administration's five-year-building plan. Tentative plans for a 36,000-ton ship, armed with sixteen-inch or perhaps seventeen-inch guns, have been discussed. Many officers believe the present sixteen-inch, 50-calibre weapon of the California and Arizona to be ample since the ships will carry a dozen of these against ten, at least, of the other weapons. There are officials, however, who believe the fourteen-inch rifle completed and tested last year with satisfactory results, should go on the new ships, and still others argue for a seventeen inch gun.

In answering the question propounded by Congress, the secretary declares the super-Dreadnought is the most efficient weapon, ship for ship, in any navy. He serves warning however, that a fleet composed exclusively of Dreadnoughts must meet defeat at the hands of a better balanced organization properly equipped with battle cruisers, scouting craft and submarines.

The prime military characteristics to be determined, the statement says are the offensive power of a ship, as expressed by guns, torpedoes, etc., and defensive power, expressed in tems of power or of cruising radius.

"Much of the department's information", continues the statement, "in regard to the details affecting the efficiency of the belligerent hips is in the form of confidential reports, which it would be contrary to the public interests to make public in any way. There are, however, several conclusions which can be laid down.

"The first and most important lesson is that the British grand fleet, composed, not only of Ddeadnoughts and super-Dreadnoughts, but also of battle cruisers, light cruisers, destroyers, submarines and auxiliaries, has to date maintained command of the sea. It is further known that, despite the efforts of submarines and other minor craft, the losses of this fleet have not been serious.

"Another notable fact was brought out by the statement of the First Lord of the Admiralty to Parliament in November, 1914, that by the end of 1915 there would have been added to the fleet thirteen capital ships, together with a corresponding and adequate number of vessels of other types. All of this indicates conclusively that the command of the sea, with the attendant security of the shores of a country exercising that command, rests with the power possessing ships which in the aggregate have a preponderance in the prime military characteristics enumerated above.

"Of present and practicable types of vessels, the so-called 'Dreadnought' most nearly appreaches the ideal aimed at in the clause of the last naval appropriation act. It is necessary to qualify this answer, however, for it cannot be said, and it is not believed, that the prevailing war in Europe has demonstrated that a fleet composed of any other single type of vessels of practicable dimensions would or could be successful against a property balanced fleet."

Congress asked also for a report on the naval value of aircraft, and, after a long discussion setting forth the need of battle cruisers in the navy, the secretary says of aeroplanes, dirigibles and balloons:

"My conclusions are that all these types of aircraft, each in its particular field, have demonstrated their undoubted value for observation and that in this, as in other subjects pertaining to the lessons of the prevailing European war, the greater part of the department's information is in the form of confidential reports."

NO WELCOME FOR FORD.

International Committee of Women for Peace Oppose Him.

London, Dec. 15.—The steamer Oscar II, which has on board Henry Ford and his peace advocates, has not yet been reported. It is learned in official circles, however, that it is hardly likely that the steamer, which is destined for Christiania, will be taken ito Kirkwall. It is believed that the Oscar II., has no cargo aboard and following the policy outlined recently by Lord Robert Cecil, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the House of Commons, that the government will hardly take any steps which will bring the passengers any nearer the English coast than is necessary.

The government views the enterprise of Mr. Ford with an indifference which admits neither of recognition nor interference, a policy which official circles believe can be followed with the greatest advantage by keeping the Ford party from English shores.

The International Committee of Women for Permanent Peace through the president of the Swedish section, has issued an official communication, which says that neither the Swedish section nor the headquarters of the committee at Amsterdam will have any connection with Henry Ford's peace mission.

PRICE "UP TO" VON PAPEN.

Destruction of California Munitions Plant Referred to Attache.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Plans for the destruction of munition plants at Aetna, Ind., and Ishpeming, Mich., were revealed yesterday when the details of indictments returned Monday against three alleged conspirators in German plots were made public.

The name of Franz von Papen, recalled military attache of the German Embassy at Washington, was brought into the Government's investigation of the alleged bomb plots it became known today. Federal officials said telegrams in the Government's possession showed that the subject of the price to be paid for the destruction of an explosive plant at Pinole, Cal. ,was "put up to" Von Papen.

Gary, Ind., and Pinole, Cal., were suggested to an alleged agent of the conspiracy as a fertile field for similar work. Two fires and explosions occurred later at the plant of the Hercules Powder Company, at Pinole. The three letters containing these plans are alleged to have been written to Louis J. Smith, witness for the Government against Baron George Wihelm von Brincken, Charles C. Crowley, a detective employed by the German Consul-General here, and Mrs. Margaret Cornell, Crowley's employe, the three persons indicted.

All appeared yesterday for arraignment on the two counts of each indictment and were released on bail bond of $10,000 each.

The indictments charged conspiracy to interfere with and destroy commerce with the Allies and use of the mails to incite arson, murder and assassination.

Oysters in all Styles at the Rammel Cafe.

REPORT LULL IN THE BATTLE

No Large Force of Bulgars It Is Said, Crossed to Greece

SCOUTS WITHDRAWN

Joint Commission of Austrian and Bulgarian Officers Administers Affairs in Monastir.

Athens, Dec. 15.—Official dispatches to the Greek war office today report a lull in the battle along the Serbo-Greek border and declare that no large force of Bulgars has yet crossed the Greek frontier. Small scouting parties that advanced over the border in pursuit of the allies, immediately withdrew upon discovering their mistake.

In making public these dispatches, officials did not state at what time they were filed. It is possible that press reports of a Bulgar invasion may be borne out in later war office advices, though officials believe the Bulgarian troops will not enter Greece.

Pending new developments at the frontier, the government has no announcement to make.

"The ministry has decided to shape its policy according to the course of events," said a semi-official statement.

The main body of expeditionary forces has retreated further toward Saloniki. Scarcely more than a division of Anglo-French troops remains in the trenches just inside the Greek border to oppose an advance by Bulgarians or Austrians.

Throughout yesterday desultory artillery exchanges across the border constituted the only fighting.

Reports of the invasion of Greece by Bulgarian troops came from Saloniki. One dispatch said Bulgarian troops had pressed southward across the border from Monastir. A telegram from Florina, south of Monastir, made no mention of such an invasion. The other report said the Bulgarians had crossed south of Giegyeli, near Mavadala.

Greek military authorities believe these reports may have been started by excited civilians in Saloniki, who fearing an attack by invading armies already have made preparations to leave.

A joint commission of Austrian and Bulgarian officers is administering affairs in Monastir, recently captured from the Serbs.

CARRANZA ANR PRIESTS.

Mgr. Kelley Says Carranza Has Violated Pledge of Religious Liberty Given Before Recognition.

Washington, Dec. 15.— Declaring that Gen. Carranza, head of the de facto government of Mexico, has violated every pledge given by him to the American government regarding guarantees of religious liberty in that republic, Mgr. Francis C. Kelley president of the Catholic Church Extension Society, and Rev. Thomas Y. Shannon, eiditor of the New World, called on Secretary of State Lansing and laid before him startling details of the hardships which Carranza has imposed on priests and members of the church in the territory he controls.

According to the information which the clericals presented, priests in certain sections of Mexico have been ordered, under pain of exile to violate their vows and marry. Others have been required to cast aside their clerical garb and dress in peon blankets. At Guadalajara, the Catholic University has been closed and the chapel partially destroyed. Catholic women in Morelia have been refused permission to go to confession and in the same state a Catholic cathedral has been turned into headquarters for the Obrero Mundial, a Mexican organization corresponding to the Industrial Workers of the World in this country.

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AUSTRIA YIELDS TO U. S.

Will Disavow Sinking of Ancona and Pay For Loss of Americans

Washington, Dec. 15—The Ancona controversy will be settled by Austria to the satisfaction of the United States, according to officials handling the case here.

The principal concession, which officials say it is known Austria is willing to make, contemplates a complete disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona under the conditions charged by American survivors, but the reservation by Austria of the right to present evidence refuting the charges. Austria, according to officials in touch with the case, will subscribe to the principles of submarine warfare adopted by Germany at the demand of the United States.

She is also expected to agree:

To make reparation in indemnities for American lives lost or American citizens injured.

To assert that if the vessel was shelled or sunk before passengers were allowed an opportunity to reach a place of safety the commander of the submarine violated his instructions.

Austria will dispute, however, it is known the evidence submitted as to the manner in which the Ancona was sunk, and will attack the affidavits of at least one of the witnesses, whose credibility, it is alleged, has been impeached in court.

The Austrian government, it is said here, will endeavor to meet the demands of the United States for the punishment of the captain of the submarine by arguing that his punishment must wait upon his apprehension and upon complete development of all the evidence as to the circumstances under which the Ancona was sunk.

Throughout yesterday officials of the German and Austrian embassies here were in close touch. Ambassador von Bernstorff is advising Baron Zwiedinek, the Austrian charges, about all of his dispatches to his government about developments here.

WOMEN BEFORE COMMITTEE

Representatives of Four Rifferent Factions and Dr. Mary Walker Appears.

Four different brands of women's rights ideas had their hearing before the National Republican Committee in Washington last evening—Nationals, 'Antis," and Dr. Mary Walker, of pen's clothes fame.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw spoke for the National American Woman Suffrage Association, asking that the Republican Committee give suffrage a real hearing as a possible plank, in the next national convention.

Miss Frances Joliffe, and Mrs. Sara Bard Field, the Western envoys of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, each spoke, being introduced by Miss Maude Younger. They claimed to represent a solid strength of 4,000,0000 united women voters in the West who would follow the party that gives national suffrage.

Only on a question of time were there any words between the "suffs" and the "antis." There was still several minutes left for the "antis" time allowance, the chairman announced. Mrs. George offered it to the Congressional Union. "Let them talk all they wish, Mr. Chairman," she said, with the manifest inference that they might hurt their cause by overdoing.

At the close of the pro-suffrage part of thhe hearing Chairman Hilles, of the Republican party, made a remark that was interpreted as favorable to suffrage. The committee had been told of the refusal by the House of Representatives of a hearing for the Congressional Union.

"I think you will agree with me," he said, addressing his committee, "that the House of Representatives doesn't know a good thing when it sees it."

Dr. Mary Walker, in her characteristic trousered costume permitted her years ago by Congress, came last.

"I am opposed to any amendment to the Federal Constitution to give women the right to vote," said she. "Women had the right in this country before the Constitution was adopted, and according to the document itself it could not take that right away. In four colonies before the Revolutionary war woman voted, and a change in the Constitution is not needed."

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LIGHT CAST ON PREPAREDNESS

War Department Submits Estimate of Money Needed For Plan

FORT AT CAPE HENRY

Eighteen Emplacements Are to be Built in Virginia Waters—16-inch Guns for Chesapeake.

Washington, Dec. 15—Further light was thrown on the scope of the administration's defense plans yesterday when the War Department's estimates for coast defenses during the coming year were submitted to the military committees of Congress in the form of a preliminary draft of the fortifications appropriation bill, carrying a total of $23,805,123 for all purposes, including the maintenance and increase of permanent works in the Hawaiian and Phillippine Islands.

Estimates for the Panama Canal, which will fall under the canal government, will add another $600,000 to this sum, and, in addition, the War Department asks authority to make continuing contracts during the year to a total of more than $10,000,000 for mobile and coast artillery and ammunition, the appropriations to be made next year. The bill last year granted such authority to the extent of $300,000, covering contracts for mobile artillery, field guns, siege guns mountain guns and howitzers only.

For engineering work to be done on new fortifications the department ask for $5,369,260, the only specified project being that at Cape Henry, where it is indicated eighteen gun emplacements are to be built, and where huge sixteen-inch wire-wound guns eventually are to be installed with the necessary smaller weapons. In another section of the bill is an estimate of $15,000 in gun wire alone, to be used in the first of these gigantic weapons to be manufactured by the government itself for all its major fortifications. While no details are revealed in the bill, it is shown that definite plans have been made for all the contemplated sixteen-inch batteries, which it is understood will be added to the defenses of New York and other important harbors.

Estimates for $618,000 are presented to complete the work of modernizing the present twelve-inch batteries by raising their elevation and increasing their range.

For new guns, either field or seacoast, and for ammunition to be purchased immediately, $9,961,000 is asked. Under these provisions come the experiments now in progress to determine how big guns can be mounted on motor cars or railroad trains and moved along the coast to points of danger. They also embrace experimental work with new types of field siege and mountain artillery.

An indication of the preparedness planned is shown by the fact that $1,352,000 is asked for subcaliber guns and ammunition to carry out training in marksmanship next year, in addition to the work with full charges.

The appropriation sought cover new plans for submarine mines and torpedo stations, as well as for the purchase of the Hammond radio-dynamic torpedo, for which $347,000 is asked.

PRIZE COMPOSITION.

At a meeting of a committee from R. E. Lee Camp, of Confederate Veterans and representatives of the high school, yesterday details of a prize composition were arranged. The subject is to be the life of Robert E. Lee, and the competition is to be open to any member of the high school. The prize will be awarded at the banquet of Lee Camp, on Lee's birthday, January 19th, next.

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CHIEF'S AUTOMOBILE

Machine to Be Used by Gronau Now in Washington and Will Soon Be Sent Here.

The automobile to be used by Chief Engineer oft he Fire Department Gronau has arrived in Washington, where it is being painted and made ready for service. It will later be sent to the Remschell agency in this city, through which it was procured, and after having been tested and demonstrated will be turned over to the city.

Both boards of the City Council last night passed an ordinance fixing the chief's salary at $200 per annum and providing that the automobile shall be under the control of the fire committee of the City Council, and that the cost of its maintainance shall be paid out of the appropriation for the fire department.

Both branches of Council also passed a resolution for the disposition of the horse, harness and buggy which has heretofore been used by the chief after the automobile shall have been placed in use.

DEATH OF CONVICT.

Charles Miller, colored, who was sentenced at the March term of the corporation court to five years in the penitentiary, died, at the convict camp at Warren county, on December 11th, according to advices received today by N. S. Greenaway, clerk of the court. Miller was convicted of holding up Isaac Kicks, another negro and robbing him.

STORM IN REICHSTAG

Government Refuses to Answer Questions Put by Socialist Leader.

London, Dec. 15—The sitting of the reichstag at Berlin yesterday was a stormy one, owing to the refusal of the government to answer questions put by Dr. Liebknecht, the socialist deputy, as to whether the government was prepared, by the regulation of production and confiscation, to bring about uniform distribution of foodstuffs, and whether it intended to make a serious beginning looking to the reorganization of the internal political regime.

Dr. Leibknecht wanted to know whether the government was prepared to publish official material concerning "the origin of the world war, especially the diplomatic history of the Austrian ultimatum to Serbia, including negotiations between the German and Austrian governments since the Sarayevo assassination and the preliminary history of the breach of Luxemburg's and Belgium's neutrality."

The German secretary of foreign affairs, Herr von Jagow, replied that such diplomatic material had been published and would continue to be published as was found necessary. He added: "The responsibility and atonement will fall only upon over adversaries." A demand for an inquiry was refused.

Finally the president cut short further questions by accepting a question as to whether the government would present a bill providing for the abandonment of secret diplomacy for lasting control by the public and leaving the decision of peace or war to the representatives of the nation. To this Herr von Jagow replied by a brief negative.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Alexandria Council, Royal Arcanum, Holds Its Annual Meeting Last Night

At a meeting of Alexandria Council, No. 627, Royal Arcanum, held last night in the Eagle's hall, the following officers were elected:

C. T. Hellmuth, regent.
Archie Nalls, vice-regent.
O. B. Pierpoint, orator.
James E. Alexander, secretary.
George Uhler, treasurer.
S. M. Pullman, collector.
John G. Cockey, chaplain.
W. H. Thorpe, guide.
J. T. Watkins, warden.
R. M. Prettyman, sentinel.
James Bayne, representative to grand council.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

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was referred to street committee.

The report of the finance and general laws committee on bill of S. P. Fisher, corporation attorney, was adopted.

Resolution of Councilman C. S. T. Burke, appropriating $300 for repairs to Friendship engine house was adopted.

Resolution appropriating $71.30 for Anne Lee Memorial Home for Aged for cost of sewer tap to home was adopted.

Council adjourned to meet the second Tuesday in January, this being the annual Christmas adjournment.

Board of Alderman.

The business which was brought before the Board of Aldermen last night was of a general nature, and caused no discussion. It is reported in full in the official proceedings.

The board concurred in the action of the Common Council on all papers sent in except that which provides that what has for some time been known as Russell road, in recently annexed territory in Alexandria county, be called in future Mason road Mr. Russell had asked that the thoroughfare be allowed to continue the name it has heretofore borne, and the committee on streets, to whom the communication had been referred, reported in favor of granting the request. The lower board, however, had amended the committee's report and directed that the thoroughfare be known as Mason road in future.

Mr. Summers moved that the Aldermen concur in the action of the Common Council, and a vote having been taken his motion was declared lost.

Mr. Brill then moved a noncurrence and his motion was carried.

A committee of conference, consisting of Messrs. Brill and Fitzgerald, was appointed. They met a similar committee— Messrs. Burke and Bales— of the Common Council, and subsequently submitted a report recommending that the road be known as Russell road in future. They stated that the members of the committee had unanimously agreed to this report.

The Aledrmen adopted the report by a vote of 5 to 1, Mr. Summers voting no.

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INTERESTING DEBATE

Judges Decide it is Easier for Women to Attend Sunday School Than Men

Representatives of several Sunday schools debated at the Southern Methodist Church, last night on the subject of whether it is more important for men or women to attend sunday school and is it easier to get men or women to attend. The men's side was represented by Melvin Pitts, of the First Baptist; C. H. Davis, of the Second Presbyterian, and James R. Caton, of the Southern Methodist. The women had as their champions, Elliott Huffman, of the First Baptist; William Campbell, of the Second Presbyterian and Mrs. Anna Rogers of the Southern Methodists. The judges, Edward S. Leadbeater, Walter C. Foster and John Trimyer, returned a verdict that it was easier for women to be brought in but that it was more important that men should be brought in.

A quartette, composed of Miss Ruth Field, Miss Janet Gronau, Frank L. Slaymaker and Stephen Field, sang several selections.

CIVIL SERVICE.

Examinations Will Be Held in This City Next Month.

The following examinations will be held in Alexandria on the dates named to fill vacancies in the civil service: skilled draftsman, U. S. Army, January 4; marine engine and boiler draftsman, January, 5-6; plant pathologist, January 11; aid, coast and geodetic survey, January 12-13; chart engraver, January 18; expert and special agent, January 19-20; junior engineer, January 19-20; junior pharmacologist, January 19; teacher of agriculture, January 19; assistant metallurgist, January 25.

ROLL CALL MEETING.

Alexandria Lodge of Elks is preparing for a "roll call meeting" to be held on January 10th, at which time the roll will be called and all members are expected to answer in person or send an excuse for their absence. A social session will follow the meeting.

BREAKS LEG BY FALL.

Joseph Kidd, 54 cars old, of 931 north Patrick street slipped on an icy sidewalk in Market Alley last night and broke his left leg. He was taken to the Alexandria Hospital and attended by Dr. George T. Klipstein.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The regular monthly meeting of the promoters of the League of the Secred Heart will be held Friday evening, December 17th at 8 o'clock, in Y. M. S. L. Hall.

By order of H. E. GREENE. Secty.

The board of police commissioners will hold their regular monthly meeting tonight at police headquarters.

Lieut. Charles D. Barrett, U. S. M. C., stationed at the navy yard at Portsmouth, arrived in Alexandria today.

Jonathan Matthews has sold to Smith house No. 310 north Henry St.

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THE DEMAND UPON AUSTRIA.

There was some apprehension in this country a few days after the sharp note of Secretary Lansing to Austria had been published. The sinking of the steamer Ancona by an Austrian submarine before the passengers had had time to leave the doomed vessel had caused the dispatch of the note. While by no means an ultimatum, it was couched in terms which made it plain that the resentment of this country had been aroused and a disavowal of the act and payment for the loss of lives of Americans was expected of Austria. Punishment of the captain of the submarine for his cruel act was also demanded, but he cannot be dealt with until located and his report of the incident shall have been received.

This last cloud which had settled over this country, the outcome of present conditions in Europe, is passing away, the government of Francis Joseph acceding to the demands of the United States by disavowing the act and the announced purpose of paying for lives of Americans who were lost.

So long as this war lasts, however, there will at times be friction between America and the belligerent nations. But under the wise policy of President Wilson, the welcome cry, "All's well!" is still heard from the ship of state which is riding out one of the greatest storms in history.

DECLINED

[illegible] TOGAS.

[illegible] ed States Senate. It would be interesting reading were reminiscences reproduced to show how certain men, some capable and others incapable, have worked in season and out of season to get into the higher legislative branch of the country. Some have purchased their togas in bygone years, and others having become ensconced in that august body have found themselves ciphers or complete failures.

Were we to name some of the unfortunates the old adage, de mortuis nil nisi bonum, might be quoted.

It appears, however, that some men have passed by this plum, knowing it was within their grasp, without availing themselves of what others would have regarded as the opportunity of their lives. Others have declined the position when brought to them on silver waiters.

Only two men in the United States are known to have declined appointments to the United States Senate, and both were Kansas men. And the only time Kansas ever has had a chance to have a member of the President's Cabinet, one of these Kansans declined that job. F. D. Coburn, the Secretary of the Kansas Board of Agriculture, declined to be a United State Senator when the place was tendered him by Governor Hoch. George R. Peck declined the same place when it was offered him by the late Governor Humphries.

The only chance Kansas ever has had for a place in the President's official family came to Foster Dwight Coburn, and he refused it for the same reason that he declined the Senatorship—that politics was distasteful to him and he felt that he could do more good as an agricultural mentor in Kansas than as a United States Senator for a few months or as a cabinet minister for a few years.

UNITED STATES [illegible] AFTER FRANCE.

The United States has been compelled to call the attention of France to the fact that that country has done what it and England declared unlawful over half a century ago—stopping neutral ships on the high seas and taken therefrom passengers or members of the crews.

When Captain Wilkes, of the United States steamer San Jacinto, stopped the British mail steamer Trent in the Bahama channel and took Messrs. Mason and Slidell, Commissioners of the Southern Confederacy, prisoners, an immediate demand was made upon this government for their surrender. Now French ships are taking Germans from United States passenger ships. France was quick to see the validity of English claims when the Trent was overhauled. It is hoped she will realize the validity of the claims of the United States at this time.

WAR TO THE KNIFE

While peace parleys and peace voyages are in evidence, the announcement from London to the effect that the German mercantile flag will not be permitted to appear on the high seas until Germany has paid indemnity for every vessel of the allies sunk by German submarines or vessels of war is calculated to cast a wet blanket over many people who are actuated by good motive.

That is one of the peace terms to which England and her allies intend to fight for, and for which they will keep on fighting, no matter how long the war will last.

NEWS OF THE DAY

King Peter of Serbia, is reported to be hiding in the mountains to escape capture by Bulgarian troops.

A dispatch from Rome says it is believed there that Italy will disembark 80,000 troops on the Albanian coast in the near future.

Official dispatches to the London newspapers from Amsterdam yesterday afternoon said 25 women were wounded, several seriously, in a bitter riot at Cologne Monday. Mounted police charged the rioters, it was stated.

Lord Bryce has issued a further report on 'the Armenian atrocities.' He gives the estimate of a person described as a competent observer placing the destruction of life at nearly one million, or practically half the population of Armenia.

A supplementary estimate in an army white paper issued in London last night provides for 1,000,000 additional men in the British army by March 31. This will bring the total strength of the army up to the 4,000,000.

Latest Prussian casualty lists contain the names of 65,340 killed, wounded and missing, making the total to date 2,244,247. This total does not include the names of 237 Bavarian, 810, Wurtemburgian, 233 Saxonian and the naval and Turkish lists.

Dr. Walter C. Murphy of Washington was held for the action of the grand jury yesterday by a coroner's jury conducting an inquest into the death of Mrs. Estelle Crawford, in Casualty Hopsital on Monday. Mrs. Crawford was taken from Dr. Murphy's office about 2 o'clock Monday morning, dying a short time later.

A missionary just returned to Rome states that in preparation for the Turco-German expedition against Egypt, Jerusalem has been transformed into an armed camp containing 100,000 men. All convents have been converted into hospitals. The new army which is being formed for the invasion of Egypt is under the command of the German Gen. Trussemer.

Twelve hundred switchmen employed in the Belt Railroad Company's yards at Clearing, Ill., the transfer point for all freight routed through Chicago, struck yesterday because the railway would not furnish them a "service train." This train was demanded by the men in order to save them a walk of a mile through the cold snow to work. Practically every road entering Chicago uses the Clearing switching yards.

Chicago yesterday was an easy winner of the location of the next national Republican convention. The date was fixed for June 7—a week ahead of the Democratic meet. The support for St. Louis, which had seemed to be the most formidable rival of Chicago, melted away, and she came in third, being behind San Francisco. The vote was as follows: necessary to a choice, 27; Chicago, 80; San Francisco, 13; St. Louis, 7; Philadelphia, 2.

News just received in London from a Boulogne correspondent states that on Friday British warships bombarded the German coast defenses and seaports in the vicinity of Ostend and Zeebrugge. The Germans have given up the idea of submarine building at Zeebrugge and the port is now transferred into a base for stores. The bombardment smashed the wire entanglements which had been placed along the coast as a protection against any of the allies to land.

Thrilling aerial engagements are reported from the Belgian coast. In one fight between an English aviator and a German, both machines were tumbled into the sea. Another German aviator attempted to attack singlehanded a squadron of British warships which were bombarding the German coastal positions. Driven off, he sought refuge in a hangar, but had only got his machine under cover when the naval guns blew the hangar and all it contained to atoms.

The German mercantile flag will not be permitted to appear on the high seas until Germany has paid indemnity for every vessel of the allies sunk by German submarines or other vessels of war. That is one of the peace terms which England and her allies intend to fight for and for which they will keep on fighting, no matter how long the war will last. The statement was made yesterday in a high governmental source in London and it was said that the allies have practically pledged themselves to this condition.

William Turner, colored, who has been under police investigation in Washington for having in his possession two valuable thoroughbred race stallons valued at $2,500 each, whose ownership he could not clearly explain, yesterday confessed, according to the police, that he had murdered his employer, F. C. Avery, a wealthy horse owner, at Avery's home in Gainesville, Fla. The chief of police of Gainesville, wired the Washington police that he had found the body of Avery buried in the stables and to hold Turner.

Serious domestic disturbances in Russia have caused the interruption of all private telegraphic communication, according to German newspapers.

Gertrude Lemmon, aged 19, daughter of Mrs. Mary Chambers, of Cantwell, W. Va., committed suicide Monday in Wheeling, by drinking carbolic acid. She and Harry Wolfe, her fiancee had been playing a piano at the home of William Lyle, where the girl boarded. She left the parlor, went to the kitchen and drained the poison. A letter addressed to her mother was opened, but it disclosed no cause for her act.

The House Ways and Means Committee by a strict party vote, last night, reported favorably Majority Leader Kitchin's resolution to extend the emergency tax law to December 31, 1916. The resolution will be reported today and voted on Thursday.

Three persons were burned to death and a score injured in a fire which destroyed a three-story rooming house yesterday in Chicago. Many trapped in their rooms when the flames cut off the front and rear exits jumped from the second and third story windows and sustained serious injuries.

VIRGINIA NEWS

Mrs. Kate Gravely Cabell formerly Miss Kate Gravely, of Danville, daughter of W. G. Gravely, millionaire tobacco manufacturer, yesterday brought suit in Norfolk for an absolute divorce from her husband, Col George C. Cabell, of that city. Mrs Cabell, who was married to Col. Cabell in 1892, alleges she was deserted in Norfolk in July, 1912. She has been living with her relatives in Danville, since she left Norfolk. Col Cabell, is now seeking the Democratic congressional nomination in the Second Virginia district. Mrs. Cabell before her marriage was considered one of the handsomest women in the South, and was prominent in society.

A rear-end collision between two east-bound freight trains on the Norfolk and Western railway occurred yesterday morning half a mile east of Disputanta Station near Petersburg. Several cars loaded with gun-cotton and tobacco in hogsheads were wrecked and most of them burned. They heavy locomotive of the second train was overturned, thrown across the track and damaged. The engineer escaped uninjured, but the fireman was so badly scalded that he died.

The remains of Albert Kratochril, aged 58 years, a farmer of Dinwiddie county, who disappeared from his home on June 8, were found last week on his farm by Charles Aldridge. Only the skeleton remained, but with it were the clothes and the eyeglasses worn by Mr. Kratochril, by which he was identified. The dead man came to this section from New York, 25 years ago. He disappeared five years ago, remaining away until last fall. He is survived by his widow and eight children.

The Ministerial Union of Richmond is backing the proposition that the city foot the excess expenditure of the Vice Commission. The members have adopted a resolution urgently requesting the Finance Committee of the City Council to report favorably the appropriation asked for by the Vice Vommission, to pay their indebtedness of $1,600 incurred in the recent work for the welfare of the city. Should the city not assume this extra expense incurred the members of the Vice Commission would naturally have to do so. Some of them are preachers and others are women.

At a conference yesterday of a score of Virginia Republicans, called together in Washington, by National Committeeman Alvah H. Martin, it was decided to hold a meeting of the Republican State Committee in Roanoke during the week of the Christmas holidays for the purpose of mapping out plans for the Republican State Convention to elect delegates to the National Convention. State Chairman Slemp said he would fix the date later.

The white stranger who was found Saturday night on the N. & W. track in Prince George county, fatally injured by having been run over by a train, has been identified as Philip Donnelly, of Albany, N. Y., where his parents live.

DEATHS FROM BLIZZARD.

Railroads Demoralized and Millions of Dollars Damages.

New York, Dec. 15.—Five dead, fifteen injured, demoralized railroads and millions in property damage was yesterday's toll in the first big storm of the winter. These bring the total dead to eight and the total injured to thirty. It was the worst storm that has visited New York and the Eastern States since the memorable blizzard of 1888. The New York Central and the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroads were almost tied up. Only a few of the most important trains were moving last night. All wires were down on both railroads. The block system was out of order. Thousands of commuters were unable to reach the city.

With conditions only partially alleviated last night it is feared there will be a milk famine. Efforts were being made to get some of the milk trains into town.

Six inches of snow fell in New York City, In sections of Pennsylvania, Northern New Jersey, upper New York State, and Connecticut, it reached a depth of from two to three feet. After the arrival of one Boston train, not a passenger was delivered at the Grand Central Station by the New Haven Road until 8 o'clock last night. At that hour the Springfield express arrived, after battling with snowdrifts for twenty-four hours.

Endless confusion marked conditions at the railroad terminals.

The Twentieth Century limited arrived at 8 o'clock last night. It was due at 9:40 a. m. Soon afterward the Detroiter, another crack New York Central train, came in twelve hours late. On these two trains and eight other Western trains which arrived about the same time—all from twelve to eighteen hours late—were more than 6,000 passengers. At least twelve other trains were stalled.

Street Commissioner Featherston had 14,000 emergency shovelers out, working in eight-hour shifts. These are in addition to the regular force of 6,000 men.

DEMAND UPON FRANCE

Must Release Germans and Austrians Taken From Ships.

Washington, Dec. 15—Demand was served yesterday on the government of France for the immediate release of seven Germans and Austrians taken off ships of the New York and Porto Rico Line last week by the French cruiser Descartes.

A note containing the demand was cabled to United States Ambassador Sharp, at Paris, following yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet, with instructions that it be delivered at once to the French foreign office.

The three American steamers, the Coamo, San Juan and Carolina, were held up and boarded on the high seas in the vicinity of Porto Rico and the German and Austrian subjects taken off.

Although Secretary of State Lansing declined to make public the text of the note at this time, it was learned that it cites precedent established by France and Great Britain in the Trent controversy during the civil war, and took the position that citizens of whatever nationality traveling on neutral American vessels were inviolable from seizure.

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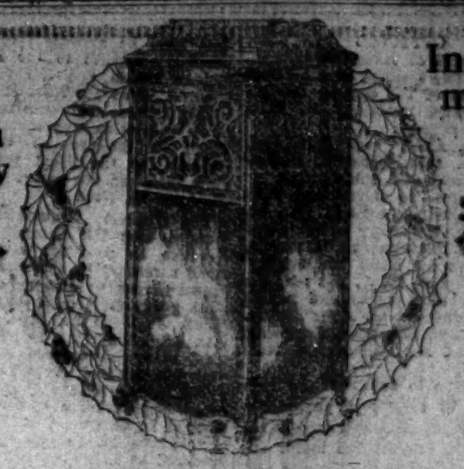

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Board of Aldermen

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Alexandria, Va., held December 14, 1915, there were present:

Henry K. Field, esq., President, and Messrs. Brill, Robinson, Ballenger, Fitzgerald and Summers.

An ordinance to amend and reordain an ordinance entitled "An ordinace fixing the salary of the Chief of the Fire Department and making an allowance for horse and buggy," approved May 27, 1911", was read the second and third times and passed by the following vote; Ayes Messrs. Brill, Robinson, Ballenger, Fitzgerald Summers and Mr. President—6 Noes none.

A resolution to authorize the Fire Committee to employ a practicable man to drive, operate and keep in repair the new combination motor engine was referred to the Finance and Fire Committee.

A communication from the Parent Teachers' Association, Boys' Athletic Association, Girls' Association, Literary Society and teachers and pupils of Alexandria High School asking an appropriation of $300 to aid in furnishing the auditorium of the new high school building, was referred to the Committees on Finance and Schools.

A resolution appropriating $10,000 for the completion of the new high school building was referred to the Finance Committee.

The semi- annual report of J. B. Waller, Clerk of Gas, of the operations of the gas works for the six months ending November 30, 1915, was received.

A resolution appropriating $125 for the installation of fire plugs in recently annexed territory in Alexandria county was passed by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Brill, Robinson, Ballenger. Summers and Mr. President, 5 Noes none.

A resolution providing that when Council adjourns it be to meet again on the second Tuesday in January, 1916, was adopted.

A petition of F. P. Russell asking that Russell road be called Russell avenue in the city limits in lieu of Mount Vernon Avenue, was received from the Common Council, that board having amended the report of the Committee on Streets (which had recommended that the road be called Russell avenue) and directed that the thoroughfare be known as Mason avenue. The Aldermen non-concurred in the action of the Common Council and appointed Messrs. Brill and Fitzgerald a committee of conference. Thew met Messrs. Burke and Bales, of the Common Council, and reported that the conference committee had unanimously agreed to call the thoroughfare Russell road. Their report was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Brill, Robinson, Ballenger, Fitzgerald and Mr. President—5 No. Mr. Summers 1.

A resolution appropriating $300 for repairs to the Friendship engine house was received from the Common Council and adopted by the following vote: Ays, Messrs, Brill, Robinson, Ballenger, Fitzgerald, Summers and Mr. President—6. Noes none.

The report of the Committee on Finance recommending that C. H. Callahan, Commissioner of the Revenue, be paid until otherwise ordered the sum of $300 for extra work in assessing in recently annexed territory was received from the Common Council and their action concurred in by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Brill, Robinson, Ballenger, Fitzgerald Summers and Mr. President—6 Noes, none.

Reports of the Finance Committee on bills of S. L. Monroe, S. H. Lunt and Claude M. Lennon, $1,300 for services as assessors; recommending an appropriation of $22,795.51 for the City School Board, and authorizing the Finance Committee to borrow $60,000 for the use of the city, were received from the Common Council and laid over.

The following were received from the Common Council and their action concurred in:

Resolution appropriating $3,300 for construction of sewers on Little River turnpike, Hooff's run and overhead bridge on Duke street.

Resolution appropriating $200 to clean Hooff's run.

Petition from the Alexandria Light Infantry asking aid for repairs to Armory Hall and other relief.

Ordinance fixing grades on Leesburg turnpike.

Resolution looking to condition of sewer at Duke and Peyton streets.

Bill of J. C. Gates, $24.34, for plumbing.

Resolution ascertaining why the Auditor's report is not printed as heretofore.

Resolution appropriating $500 for general repairs to streets.

Ordinance granting permission to the Fletcher-Demaine Company to place a gasoline pump on Alfred street, between King and Prince.

The report of the Committee on Finance and General Laws on a statement of S. P. Fisher, Corporation Attorney, of expenses in connection with annexation proceedings.

Resolution appropriating $71.30 for tapping sewer at Anne Lee Home.

The board then adjourned.

HENRY K. FIELD, President.
Teste: Luther H. Thompson, Clerk,

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COMMON COUNCIL

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Alexandria, Va., held Dec. 14, 1915 there were present, Howard W. Smith, Esq. President and Messrs, Marbury, H. R. Burke, C. S. T. Burke, Wattles, Desmond, Bales, Pohl, Harrison, and Bryan.

The Joint Committee on Finance and General Laws recommended that the account of Samuel P. Fisher Corporation Attorney be considered settled when the sum of $245.88 in addition to the sum of $122.06 is deposited in the city treasury, and the report was adopted. Ayes 10. Noes 0.

The Joint Committee on Finance and Public Property recommended that $300 be appropriated to make necessary repairs to the Friendship Engine House and the report was adopted. Ayes 10. Noes, 0.

The Finance Committe recommended a resolution appropriating $22,795.51 for the use of the Public Schools for the fiscal year ending June 1916 and the report was adopted. Ayes 10. Noes 0.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Commissioner of Revenue be paid for extra service made necessary by the assessment of property recently annexed to the city $300 per annum paid quarterly on March 31, June 30, Sept. 30th, and Dec. 31st. beginning March 31, 1916 until otherwise ordered and the report was adopted. Ayes 10. Noes 0.

The Finance Committee recommended an appropriation of $1320 to pay Samuel L. Monroe, Samuel H. Lunt, and Claude M. Lennon for services rendered as assessors of land for the city and the report was adopted. Ayes 10. Noes 0.

The Finance Committee recommended a resolution authorizing them to borrow $60,000 at a rate not exceeding 4 1-2 per centum to pay necessary expenses fiscal year ending May 31st, 1916, and the resolution was adopted Ayes Messrs. Marbury, H. K. Burke. Taylor Burke, Wattles, Desmond, Bales Pohl. Harrison, Bryan and Mr. President—10. Noes 0.

The Joint Committee on Streets and Finance recommended that $71.30 be appropriated for tapping sewer at Anne Lee Home for the Aged. Cor. Fairfax and Cameron street, and the report was adopted. Ayes 10, Noes 0.

An ordinance granting permission to Fletcher Demaine Co., to place gasoline pump in new curb line in front of their porperty Alfred st. between King and Prince was read the first time and referred to the Committee on streets.

A resolution appropriating $500 for general repairs to streets was referred to joint Committee on Streets and Finance.

A bill of J. C. Gates for plumbing at the Columbia Engine House was referred to the Joint Committee on Public Property and Finance.

A resolution by Mr. Smith requesting the Committee on Finance to report the reason for discontinuance of publication of the Auditor's annual report, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A communication from the Alex. Light Infantry Co requesting the city Council to pay the outstanding debts of the company and take over the property by the city was referred to the Joint Committee on Finance and Public Property.

An ordinance to establish curb and crown grade of Leesburg turnpike from Russell Ave to the Corporation line was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A resolution on the condition of the outlet at the northwest sewer corner of Duke and Peyton Streets was referred to the Committee on Streets.

A resolution appropriating $3,300 to construct sewers Duke Street extended from Hooff's Run westward was referred to the Joint Committee on Streets and Finance.

A resolution appropriating $200 to clean out Hooff's Run was referred to the Committee on Streets.

The Committee on Streets recommended that the petition of F. P. Russell be granted and that Russell Road be named Russell Avenue. Upon motion of H. R. Burke, Russell Avenue was struck out of the report and Mason Avenue inserted and the report as amended was adopted. The Board of Alderman non-concurred in this action and Messrs. H. R. Burke and Bales ware appointed a Committee of conference. A report of the Conference Committee recommending that the name of the street be Russell Road was received from the Board of Aldermen and their action concurred in Ayes. Messrs. Marbury, H. R. Burke Bales, Pohl, Harrison, and Mr. President—6. Noes Messrs. C. S. T. Burke, Wattles, Desmond, Bryan, —4.

An ordinance to amend and reordain an ordainance entitled "An ordinance fixing the salary of the Chief of the Fire Department, approved May 27th, 1911 was received from the Board of Aldermen read the second and third time and passed. Ayes 10. Noes 0.

A resolution appropriating $125 to install two fire plugs in annexed territory was received from the Board of Aldermen and passed. Ayes 10. Noes 0.

The following were received from the Board of Aldermen and their action concurred in:

Report of the Clerk of Gas showing receipts for the six months ending Nov. 30th 1915, Also.

A resolution appropriating $10,000 for completion of the New High School Building, Also

A petition from the Parent and Teachers Association and others requesting an appropriation of $300 to purchase furniture for the auditorium in the New High School Building. Also

A resolution authorizing the Fire Committee to elect Engineer to take charge of new Motor apparatus. Also

A resolution that when Council adjourns tonight it be to meet on the second Tuesday in January 1916.

The board then adjourned.

HOWARD W. SMITH, President.
Teste: Daniel R. Stansbury, C. C.

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NOTICE.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of The Potomac Savings Bank of Georgetown, D. C., for the election of a Board of Directors and any and all other business properly coming before the meeting, will be held at the principal office of the Company, in Alexandria, Virginia (being the office of James H. and Harry B. Caton, Attorneys), at three o'clock, p. m., on the 14th day of December, 1915.

10,11,13, J. Wm. BOGLEY, Secretary.

TELEPHONE RATES CUT.

Washington Subscribers Will Save $105,000 Annually.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, of Washington, which operates the telephone system of Baltimore, announced yesterday a revision of telephone rates in Washington, which will save subscribers in the city $105,000 annually. The new rates go into effect by April 1, 1916.

The new rates provide a rate of 2 cents, instead of 2 1-2 cents, for local messages, over private branch telephones: a reduction in two-party residence rate from $2.50 to $2 a month; an increase in the number of messages on a two-party business line from 30 to 40 cents a month. There are 55,000 telephones in Washington, and the telephone officials declare the new rates will reduce their revenue $300 a day.

THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK, of Alexandria, Va, December 11, 1915.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on TUESDAY, the 11th day of JANUARY, 1916, between the hours of 12 noon and 1 p. m. for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

RICHARD M. GREEN, Cashier.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Capitol Park Hotel Co., incorporated, will be held on the 13th day of December 1915, at 1 o'clock P. M., at the principal office of the company, in the state of Virginia, 119 South Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Va. for the purpose of electing a board of directors and receiving and acting upon the reports of the officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated the 4th day of November 1915.

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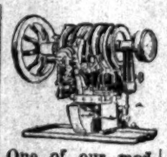

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ALEXANDRIA NATIONAL BANK
ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 11, 1915.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, the 11th day of January 1916, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 p. m., for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

J. L. PERRY, Cashier

At a Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, continued and held at the Courthouse of said City on Tuesday, November. 16th, 1915.

Present, Hon. Louis C. Barley, Judge.

Margaret L. Petteys,
vs. I N CHANCERY.
Vernon C. Petteys.

Upon the written application of the complainant, made and filed in accordance with the statutes, together with the affidavit of the defendant's non-residence, the said affidavit stating the last known address of the said defendant and it appearing from the return of the Sergeant that the said defendant is not a resident of the city of Alexandria, State of Virginia, and not within the jurisdictim of the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, the Court does on the 16th day of November, 1915, enter the following order of publication against the said defendant:

MEMO: The object of this suit is to obtain for the complainant an absolute divorce from the defendant on the grounds of wilful desertion and abandonment for a period of more than three years prior to the institution of this suit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant do appear within fifteen days after due publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect his interests in this suit; that a copy of this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper printed and published in the City of Alexandria, Virginia; that a copy of the said order of publication be posted at the front door of the court-house on or before the next succeeding rule day after this order is entered, and that a copy of the same be mailed to the last known address of the defendant No. 1449 North Newkirk Street, Philadelphia, Penna., by the Clerk of this Court, by registered mail.

A Copy—Teste:
NEVELL S. GREENAWAY, Clerk.
Frederick P. Russell, P. Q.

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NOTICE.

Stockholders Meeting of the American Rutile Company of Virginia.

The annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the American Rutile Co., will be held at the office of the Company, No. 111 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday the 3rd of January, 1916, from 12 o'clock noon to 1 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors, and for the transaction of such other business as can be lawfully considered.

The transfer books will be closed for 10 days prior to the 3rd day of January. W. M. SLATER, President.

ALBERT HARPER, Sec. & Treas.

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A subscription book for shares of the 11th series of the German Co-Operative Building Association No. 5 will close on and after December 27, 1915.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The Home Savings Bank, of Washington, D. C., will be held at Hotel Fleischmann, in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, on Tuesday, the 14th, day of December, 1915, at 2:30 p. m. ALEX. S. CLARK, Secy.

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